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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 206095

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, SHUM, SF

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR USG ASSISTANCE TO SAVE "GOCH STREET
TERRORIST"

REF: PRETORIA 4506

1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN PROPOSED ACTION (PARA 5 REFTEL)
IN RESPONSE TO APPROACH BY ADVOCATE CLIFFORD MAILER AND
MS. PRISCILLA JANNA ON BEHALF OF SOLOMON MAHLANGU.

2. IN ITS APPROACH TO SAG, EMBASSY MAY WISH TO NOTE
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THAT COMMUTATION OF DEATH SENTENCE IN THIS CASE MIGHT
HELP TO AVOID REPORTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS ON
THE HARSHNESS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN PENAL SYSTEM, SUCH
AS PIECE BY JOHN BURNS IN JULY 21 NEW YORK TIMES
POINTING OUT THAT "EVERY YEAR SOUTH AFRICA EXECUTES
MORE PEOPLE THAN MOST OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES TOGETHER."

3. IN RESPONSE TO CALL FROM DUTCH EMBASSY, DEPARTMENT
HAS ADVISED EMBASSY OF USG'S PROPOSED ACTION IN THIS
CASE. CHRISTOPHER

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